

To: LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

The City of Bainbridge Island has received the following land use application:

Date: March 29, 2013

Applicant/Owner: City of Bainbridge Island- Nonmotorized Transportation Advisory Committee (NMTAC)

Project Name: Nonmotorized Transportation Plan (NMTP) Comprehensive Plan Amendment

File Numbers: CPA 18420

Permit Request: Comprehensive Plan Amendment application requesting amendments to the NMTP, a subelement of the Transportation Element.

Description of Proposal: Amendments to the NMTP of the Comprehensive Plan to add the concepts of "complete streets" and the "Sound to Olympics Trail" to the goals and policies. This amendment also proposes changes to Map D of the NMTP to modify or add existing and planned facilities.

Location of Proposal: City of Bainbridge Island- this policy amendment would apply Citywide.

SEPA Decision: The City of Bainbridge Island (lead agency) has determined that the proposal does not have a probable significant impact on the environment. This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340 (2). This determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) c.

Comments must be submitted by no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 19, 2013. The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 21 days.

Responsible Official: Katharine Cook, Planning Director
Department of Planning & Community Development

Address: City of Bainbridge Island
280 Madison Avenue North
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110, (206) 842 - 2552

Signature: Katharine Cook Date: 03-25-13

APPEAL: You may appeal this determination by filing a written appeal and paying the appropriate fee to the City Clerk, at 280 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Bainbridge Island Municipal Code, Section 16.04.170 **no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 19, 2013. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. If you have any questions concerning this application, contact:**

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ENVIRONMENTAL (SEPA) CHECKLIST

**FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN INK, PREFERABLY BLUE.
PENCIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY BEFORE FILLING OUT THE CHECKLIST

PURPOSE OF THE CHECKLIST:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21 RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with possible significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

USE OF CHECKLIST FOR NONPROJECT PROPOSAL:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." In addition, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (Part D). For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area" respectively.

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A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

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2. Name of applicant: **NMTAC**

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Non-motorized Transportation Advisory Committee - a city citizens advisory committee.

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

Applicant: **Non Motorized Transportation Advisory Committee**

Contact: **John Grinter, Chair**

✓

4. Date checklist prepared: **2-28-13**

✓

5. Agency requesting checklist: City of Bainbridge Island

✓

6. Proposed timing or scheduling (including phasing, if applicable)

2013

Planned City Council adoption September 2013

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

AS needed working with STAFF.

If policy approved, the city would have to begin working on a complete streets ordinance.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

NONE

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9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

No

✓

10. List any governmental approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

NONE

*City Council +
Dept. of Commerce
approval of
Comprehensive
Plan Amendments.*

11. Give a brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

*- Add Complete Streets
- update Facilities trail map. - housekeeping
- update STO language*

*→ add policy to promote
complete streets
→ amend
→ add policy and
facility description
for the separated
pathway along
State Route 305
to reflect the
Sound-to-Olympics
trail concept.*

12. Location of proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

Island wide

*Plan applies
Island-wide.*

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B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth

- a. General description of the site (circle one):
flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous
Other: _____

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percentage of slope)? *does not apply*

- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland. *does not apply*

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. *does not apply*

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. *Does not apply*

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. *Does not apply*

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? *Does not apply*

Bainbridge Island has many hills, ~~the~~ some with a grade as steep as 90%.

Soil type varies widely across the Island.

Bainbridge Island has many areas of unstable soils and history of landslides.

This is a non-project action, and will not involve any clearing and construction.

This is a non-project action, and does not propose new impervious surfaces.

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- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or impacts to the earth, if any:

does not apply

No mitigation proposed for this non-project action.

2. Air

- a. What type of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

air quality improves with non motorized travel

This non-project action does not produce any emissions to the air.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

no

✓

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

NM travel reduces emissions

Mitigation not needed for this non-project action.

3. Water

- a. Surface:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

Puget Sound and numerous streams and wetlands

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- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

NO

*no development
proposed by this
non-project action.*

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

does not apply

*no development
proposed by this
non-project action.*

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

unknown

*does not apply to
this non-project
action*

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

unknown

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the types of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

none

✓

b. Ground

- 1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

NO

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- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

unknown

This non-project action does produce any waste material.

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

unknown

This non-project action does not produce any waste material or stormwater runoff.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

unknown

NO, this non-project action does not produce any stormwater or waste water.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

unknown

4. Plants

- a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

- ☒ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
☒ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
☒ shrubs
☒ grass
☒ pasture
☒ crop of grain
☒ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage
☒ water plants; water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
☒ other types of vegetation

The Island is home to forests and farms, wetlands, streams, and the Puget Sound shoreline - many types of vegetation on the Island.

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- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

unknown

- c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

unknown

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

unknown

5. Animals

- a. Circle any birds and animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds,

Other:

Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver,

Other:

Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish,

Other:

- b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

unknown

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

unknown

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

trails become wildlife corridors

6. Energy and Natural Resources

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

does not apply

This non-project action does not propose to remove or alter vegetation.

Bainbridge Island is not home to any endangered plants.

This non-project action does not propose any new vegetation.

Bainbridge Island nearshore areas are home to Puget Sound Chinook + Coho, Steehead and Orca whales.

Bainbridge Island is on the Pacific Flyway migratory corridor.

This non-project action does not propose any measures to preserve or enhance wildlife.

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- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

~~Yes~~ NO

This non-project action does not affect solar energy.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

does not apply

this non-project action does not include any energy conservation features.

7. Environmental Health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

NO

This non-project action does not result in any potential environmental health hazard

- 1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

none

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- 2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

none

This non-project action does not propose any measures to reduce environmental health hazards

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment operation, other)?

none

This non-project action applies city-wide.

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- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from this site.

possible traffic impacts
if proposals are implemented.

This non-project
action does not
create any noise.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

unknown.

This non-project
action does not
integrate any noise
mitigation measures.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

does not apply

- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

does not apply

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

does not apply

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

does not apply

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

~~does~~ does not apply

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

does not apply

This non-project
action, amendments
to the Non-motorized
Transportation Plan (NMTP) applies
citywide, in residential
and commercial, agricultural
areas alike.

This non-project action
applies citywide, not
to a specific property.

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- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

does not apply

This non-project action applies citywide and not to a specific property.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally critical" area? If so, specify.

does not apply

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

does not apply

This non-project action does not propose any housing or teardown any housing.

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

does not apply

This not project action does not propose any mitigation measures related to land or shoreline use.

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

does not apply

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

does not apply

The Comprehensive Plan review process with review by the Planning Commission and City Council will review if the proposed changes to the NMT are consistent with the Comp Plan.

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

does not apply

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- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated?
Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing?

does not apply

*This non-project action
does not eliminate
any housing units.*

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if
any:

does not apply

*This non-project
action does not affect
housing, or propose any
housing mitigation
measures.*

10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not
including antennas; what is the principal exterior building
material(s) proposed?

does not apply

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or
obstructed?

does not apply

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if
any:

does not apply

*This non-project action
does not propose any
structures, and
therefore does not
have to mitigate
any aesthetic
impacts.*

11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will be the proposal produce?
What time of day would it mainly occur?

does not apply

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety
hazard or interfere with views?

does not apply

*This non-project action
does not propose
any development, or
any new light/glare.*

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- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

Does not apply

Existing light/glare in the city would not impact this non-project action. No mitigation measures are needed for this non-project action.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

Does not apply

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Does not apply

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

Does not apply

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

Does not apply

Bainbridge Island has many different recreational opportunities from hiking to kayaking. This non-project action to improve the city's NMTP indirectly increases recreational opportunities by making walking + biking safer on the Island over the long term.

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

Does not apply

Bainbridge Island has several bldgs./places on the ~~total~~ local, state, + federal historic registers.

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- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

does not apply

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

does not apply

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe the proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

does not apply

- b. Is the site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

does not apply

- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

does not apply

- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

does not apply

This non-project action does not involve a specific property, and does not impact historical or cultural resources, and therefore no mitigation is required.

This non-project action applies city wide, to many city roads.

Kitsap Transit runs buses citywide during commuting hours.

This non-project action does not propose or eliminate parking spaces or require any new roads. The NMTP identifies what level a shoulder facility (ie - gravel shoulder, bike lane) should be constructed when road improvements are made.

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- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

does not apply

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur?

does not apply

- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any.

does not apply

15. Public Services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

does not apply

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

does not apply

16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

does not apply

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

does not apply

This non-project action applies citywide including ~~about~~ the WSF

Bainbridge Ferry Terminal. These proposed amendments to the NMTTP positively impact transportation by planning for ~~is~~ more and safer bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

This non-project action does not affect public services, and does not need to mitigate ~~is~~ impacts to public services.

This non-project action ~~amendment~~ applies ~~is~~ citywide and does not affect specific properties.

C. Signature

~~I swear under penalty of perjury that the above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.~~

Signature:

John Cuthbert NMTAC chair

Date submitted:

2-28-13

Any comments or changes made by the department are entered in the body of the checklist and contain the initials of the review.

This checklist was reviewed by:

Jennifer C. Sutton 3/21/13

Planner, Department of Planning and Community Development

Please see attached Staff Supplement

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A. Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions

(Do not use this sheet for project actions.)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities like to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

changes will produce from Factors
stormwater impacts studied @ time
of development

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

Proposal should decrease auto emissions
reduce toxic + haz. substance + noise.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

development of facilities
may require removal of plants but
should generally be beneficial to the
environment.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

facilities will be built
to city standards and codes,
best practices.

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3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

unlikely

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

proposal will conserve energy by reducing vehicle usage.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally critical areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

Proposal should not have a negative impact on critical areas.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline uses, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The proposal is consistent with existing plans.

Proposed measures to protect or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

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6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

The proposal should help expand transportation options

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

No conflict with any laws is anticipated.

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D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS
COMPLETED BY JENNIFER SUTTON, SPECIAL PROJECT PLANNER
DATE 3/21/13

For Comprehensive Plan Amendment CPA18420- Nonmotorized Transportation Plan (NMTP), a subelement of the Transportation Element; Requesting to add a new policy promoting "Complete Streets" and amending policy NM 1.11 and Chapter 4 *System Plan Development* to add the "Sound-to-Olympics Trail" concept to the NMTP. Requesting corrections and additions of existing and planned trails/ constructed facilities to Map D of the NMTP

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment. When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

This proposed amendment to the City's Nonmotorized Transportation Plan (NMTP), a non-project action, will not have any direct impact on discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, release of toxic/hazardous substances, or production of noise. This amendment supports the development of a non-motorized network that facilitates the use of nonmotorized travel, which once fully developed, will result in the reduction of both air emissions and noise production associated with motor vehicles.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

This comprehensive plan amendment is a non-project action that does not require any mitigation measures.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

This Comprehensive Plan Amendment, a non-project action, seeks to improve future non-motorized facilities Citywide, and will have no effect on plants, animals, fish or marine life.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

This is a non-project action that does not require any mitigation measures. Impacts to plants, animals, fish or marine life from future non-motorized facility development will be reviewed as part of site-specific development review or SEPA analysis.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

This Comprehensive Plan Amendment, improving the NMTP does not deplete, it encourages energy conservation through promotion of bicycle and pedestrian facilities and a transportation network that facilitates non-motorized modes of travel that do not result in the depletion of energy or natural resources.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

This non-project action does not require any mitigation measures. This comprehensive plan amendment itself will help to conserve energy and natural resources by promoting bicycle and pedestrian facilities citywide.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

This non-project action promotes improving non-motorized transportation citywide, and does not specifically affect environmentally sensitive areas, prime farmland, floodplains or other areas designated for governmental protection. These areas are protected through other regulations, such as the Critical Areas Ordinance (BIMC Chapter 16.20). Future site-specific non-motorized improvements will be evaluated for such impacts as part of site-specific review and SEPA analysis, if required.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

No adverse impact to environmentally sensitive or other protected areas is anticipated from this non-project action. Any impacts to environmentally sensitive areas will be reviewed as part of site-specific development review and SEPA analysis.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

These proposed map and policy amendments to the NMTP has no affect on and is compatible with the existing land use and shoreline plans.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

These amendments to the NMTP do not propose or require any mitigation for land use impacts.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

These map and policy amendments to the NMTP will have no negative effect on transportation, public services, or utilities. This amendment supports the development of a non-motorized network that facilitates the use of non-motorized travel, which once fully developed, will have a positive effect on transportation infrastructure.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

The proposed map and policy amendments to the NMTP do not increase demand on transportation, public services, or utilities. By facilitating the development of a non-motorized network, the NMTP and this proposed amendment could be viewed as a mitigation measure itself.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

This Comprehensive Plan Amendment does not conflict with local, state or federal requirements for the protection of the environment.